Expenditure incurred on Film Festivals

2442. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRVAT-TOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on filmotsav held at Trivandrum;

(b) what is the total amount collected from sale of tickets and other items;

(c) the total money spent by Government on the last New Delhi International Film Festival and what was the total income from that festival; and

(d) the details of expenditure incurred and income accrued from the last four India International film festivals, including international competitive festivals?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); (a) The anticipated expenditure based on expenses defrayed so far and commitments to be met would be Rs. 51 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 12.09 lakhs.

(c) Government did not incur any ex-penditure On the Festival. However National Film Development Corporation incurred an expenditure of Rs. 92.15 lakhs on the llth International Film Festival of India in New Delhi. The total income was Rs. 25.21 lakhs.

(d) The total expenditure!income for the last four Film Festivals are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Festival	Expenditure	income
10th International Film Festival of India.	7697	19.95
Filmotsav 'R6	42.38	28.96
llth International Film Festival of India	92.15	25.21
Filmotsav '88 (Subject to recon-ciliation	51.00 (Subject to recon-ciliation and audit)	1209 to audit)

Convention centres at Kovalam

2443. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVAT-TOM; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a convention Centre at Kovalam in Kerala'

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost and by when it is likely to be constructed; and

(c) whether it is a Central Government project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRl GIRI-DHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) A proposal has been drawn-up by ITDC for expansion of Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort by adding 72 rooms and provision of convention facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 345.10 lakhs. The scheme is proposed to be taken up by ITDC as its own project for implementation during 1988-89. It is expected to be completed within two years from the date of commencement of work.

Crafts Mela in DeHii

2444. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pieased to state;

(a) whether Tamana' a voluntary orga nisation for the disabled and handicapped orgnised a crafts mela in Delhi as reported in Indian Express of 4th March, 1988;

(b) whether Government are supporting such activates throughout the country and if so, details thereof; State-wise; and

(c) whether any evaluation!monitoring is carried out in this regard and organisa tion kept informed for future improve ments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUM ATI OR AON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Mela as such was undertaken by the Voluntary Organisations itself without Government assistance. Government is

supporting voluntary organisations in the field of special education, vocational training, diagnosis and early detection, fitment

(c) Yes, Sir.

of artificial aid$_s$ and appliances for the handicapped. Details may be seen in Statements I and II *(See* below)

Statement I

Scheme of Assistance to Organisations for the Disabled during 1986-87 *Persons-Grants-in-aid released*

SI.	Name of the State No.	Amount released in 1986-87. *(Rupees in lakhs)*
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh .	21.25
2	Assam	1.97
3	Bihar	4.19
4	Gujarat	18.63
5	Haryana	7.00
6	Himachal Pradesh	8-65
7	Jammu & Kashmir	2.56
8	Karnataka	20.65
9	Kerala	16.65
10	Madhya Pradesh	2.93
11	Maharashtra	57.30
12	Manipur	4.28
13	Meghalaya	—
14	Nagaland	—
15	Orissa	9.00
16	Punjab	1.81
17	Rajasthan	4.95
18	Sikkim	—
19	Tamil Nadu	30.35
20	Tripura	0.95
21	Uttar Pradesh	23.83
22	West Bengal	41.50
23	Chandigarh	0.46
24	Delhi	29.82

1	2	3
25	Goa	0.05
26	Lakshadweep	
27	Pondicherry	
28	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—
29	Arunachal Pradesh	—
30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
31	Mizoram	
32	Daman & Diu	—
		321.16

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Grant-in-aid released to various State Govts, under the scheme of Assistance to disabled persons for purchasejfitting of aids j appliances during the year 1986-87

(Rs. in lakhs)

Si. No.	Name of the State	1986-87
1	Andhra Pradesh	—
2	Arunachal Pradesh	—
3	Assam	0.15
4	B»har	13.50
5	Goa .	,
6	Gujarat	8.80
7	Haryana	4.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	—
9	Jammu & Kashmir	.20
10	Karnataka	6.50
11	Kerala	2.50
12	Madhya Pradesh	4.80
13	Maharashtra	—
14	Manipur	1.75
15	Meghalaya	4.15
16	Mizoram	—
ly	Nagaland	

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI.No.	Name of the Sta te	1986-87
18	Orissa	6-75
19	Punjab	13.00
20	Rajasthan	20.00
21	Sikkim	
22	Tamil Nadu	13.25
23	Tripura	—
24	Uttar Pradesh	64.72
25	West Bengal	7.05
Union Territory		
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	
2	Chandigarh	10
3	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
4	Daman & Diu	—
5	Delhi	13.80
6	Lakshadweep	
7	Pondicherry	

Effect of hike in Steel prices

2445. SHRl LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be' pleased to state;

(a) what was the extent of hike in steel prices on two occasions before December, 1987, their impact on the prices of engineering and other industrial poods, on their sales in international competition competitive market, on housing and other construction activities and also on the Railways separately; and

(b) what is the estimated impact of the recent hike in steel prices on each of the above mentioned sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The average increase in steel prices on the previousi two occasions was about 15 per cent. The average increase in December, 1987, was about 15.6 per cent.

No specific analysis is available on the impact of these prices increases on housing| construction activities and on the prices of engineering|industrial goods. However, it is estimated that the impact of the recent price hike on the overall price index would be negligible.

Insofar as construction|housing activity is concerned this sector was specifically kept in mind and the increase in prices of bar$_s$ and rods and GP|CC sheets which are generally used for construction purposes has been kept low as compared to the increase in prices of certain other items.

The increase in prices would not alsA affect exporters of engineering goods since they are eligible for reimbursement of the diffrence between the domestic pri*